

**STATE OF NEW YORK POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026, 1:00 PM**

FACT SHEET

The Memorial is a result of legislation proposed in January 1989 and principally sponsored by Senator Christopher Mega (R-C) from Brooklyn, NY, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Assemblyman Melvin Zimmer (D) from Syracuse, NY.

The names of 1,964 police officers are engraved on the Memorial representing 157 police agencies statewide and 6 federal agencies. New York City Police Department has the most with 1200 or 61%. Names are placed randomly on the wall without rank, as every officer's sacrifice is the same.

The Memorial was designed by the OGS Design and Construction Group based on a design concept submitted by Colleen Dillon Bergman, daughter of State Trooper Emerson J. Dillon, Jr. who was slain in the line of duty in 1974 after 16.5 years of service with the New York State Police. A quote from Mrs. Bergman's letter is engraved on the nameplate wall: "It doesn't matter from which department they came, the feeling of loss is experienced the same." The Memorial wall is polished black granite.

The Memorial wall is divided into twenty-two panels lettered (A - V) at the base of the wall from right to left. Each panel is divided in half and identified as either top or bottom. To locate a fallen officer, find the officer's name in the roll of honor and then read to the far right to determine the panel section.

Criteria for inclusion on the Memorial: the individual must have held the position of a police officer as defined in §1.20(34) of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law, or have held the position of federal law enforcement officer and performed the same or essentially similar duties as those performed by a police officer as defined in §1.20(34) of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law.

A Remembrance Ceremony is held each year, typically during the month of May.